IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MAIL STOP RCE

P.O. Box 1450

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, Va 22313-1450

McDaniel et al.

Serial No.:

10/824,024

Filed:

APRIL 14, 2004

Title:

"METHODS OF WELL STIMULATION

DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS"

Group Art Unit: 3676

Confirmation No.: 5994

Examiner:

FULLER, ROBERT EDWARD

Atty. Docket No: 2003-IP-012882U1

CERTIFICATE OF FILING ELECTRONICALLY VIA EFS **MPEP 503**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE VIA EFS (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED TO:

> HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

> > aller

DEBBIE ALLEN

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

JUNE 17, 2008

ELECTRONIC FILING (EFS)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 19, 2008 (the "Final Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed on June 9, 2008 (the "Advisory Action"), Applicants respectfully request consideration in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 11 of this paper.